

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Dudek at the personal interview held on December 8 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated in the remarks below and constitute the record of the interview.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Wei, et al (Patent No. 6,831,718). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant asserts that Wei does not disclose or suggest at least a thickness-adjusting layer having a boundary area between thinner portions and thicker portions of the thickness-adjusting layer; and a reflective film disposed in the reflective display areas, the reflective film having a light-scattering surface including projections, an edge portion of the reflective film lying in the boundary area of the thickness-adjusting layer, the edge portion of the reflective film having an upper surface serving as a mirror reflective surface, as recited in claim 1.

Referring to Figure 2 of Wei, it is clear that the edge portion of the reflective film of Wei does not lie in a boundary area between thinner portions and thicker portions of the thickness-adjusting layer. Furthermore, the upper surface of the edge portion of the reflective film lying in the boundary area of the thickness-adjusting layer of Wei does not serve as a mirror reflective surface.

In accordance with the above remarks, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 defines patentable subject matter. Claims 2-5 are believed to be patentable at least in view of

the patentability of claim 1, from which they depend, as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-5 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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